

Appl. No. 10/071,504
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REMARKS

Claims Rejections

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejection

The Examiner takes the position that claims 1, 11, 23, 26 and 29 are unpatentable over Harada et al. Claims 1, 11, 23, 26 and 29 have been canceled.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

The Examiner takes the position that claims 12-14, 17, 21-22 and 30-34 are unpatentable in view of Harada et al in light of Suzuki et al and Barnett et al. Claims 12-14, 17, 21-22 and 30-34 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-8, 24, 25, 27 and 28 are allowable. In addition, the Examiner has suggested replacing "patter" with "pattern" in each of claims 24, 25, 27 and 28. Claims 24 and 25 have been so amended. Claims 27 and 28 do not appear to have the term "pattern", so no amendments were necessary.

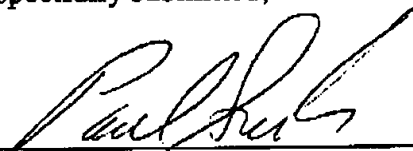
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CONCLUSION

The Applicant therefore submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,



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